(b) Government of India has set up in May, 2007 the "Expert Committee on Impacts of Climate Change" under the Chairmanship of Dr. R. Chidambaram, Principal Scientific Advisor to the Government of India to study the impacts of anthropogenic climate change on India and to identify the measures that we may have to take in the future in relation to addressing vulnerability to anthropogenic climate change impact. Subsequently, a Council on Climate Change chaired by the Hon'ble Prime Minister has also been set up in June, 2007. The Council, in its meeting held in July, 2007, has initiated action on deliberations for drafting a detailed Action Plan.

Criteria for BPL/AAY

1305. DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the criteria adopted to identify BPL/AAY is uniform in rural and urban areas in all the States;

(b) if so, the details of parameters/methodology and do they differ from Antodaya;

(c) the percentage number of BPL and AAY in India/States, rural/urban breakup;

(d) what is the cut-off score for BPL in different States;

(e) whether it is compulsory that total number of persons identified in the State/ UT should not exceed the number of BPL persons in that State, as estimated by the Planning Commission; and

(f) if so, whether it would result in injustice/discrepancy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN): (a) to (f) Identification of BPL families is done by the State/UT Governments keeping in view the poverty estimates of Planning Commission, the guidelines issued by the Ministry of Rural Development for identification of BPL families in rural areas and the guidelines issued by the Ministry of Urban Poverty Alleviations for identification of BPL families in urban areas.

In respect of the Targeted Public Distribution System, the poverty estimates of Planning Commission for the year 1993-94 are projected on the population projections of Registrar General of Census on March 01, 2000. As per this, the number of total BPL families in the country has been worked out as 6.52 crores. Out of 6.52 crores BPL families, 2.50 crores families were estimated to be of AAY category which are the poorest among the poor.

The figures of Targeted BPL families State-wise/UT wise have been conveyed to the State/UT Governments. However, some State Governments have issued more ration cards to BPL families than the number of BPL families accepted by the Government of India. Foodgrains are allocated to the Targeted number of families based on the above estimates or the number of ration cards issued to the BPL/ AAY families whichever is less. The position of BPL and AAY is given in the Statement.

Statement

Status of identification of Households under AAY (As on 30.06.2007)

(Figure in lakh)

Sl. No.	State/Union Territory	BPL families as on 132000		Total Estimated AAY families		Total AAY families identified & RC issued	
		Number	%age	Number	%age	Number	%age
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1	Andhra Pradesh	40.63	623	15.578	623	15.578	6.51
2	Arunachal Pradesh	0.99	0.15	0380	0.15	0380	0.16
3	Assam	1836	2.82	7.040	2.82	7.040	2.94
4	Bihar	6523	10.00	25.010	10.00	24285	10.15
5	Chhattisgarh	18.75	2.88	7.189	2.88	7.189	3.01
6	Delhi	4.09	0.63	1.568	0.63	0.555	023
7	Goa	0.48	0.07	0.184	0.07	0.145	0.06
8	Gujarat	212	325	8.128	325	8.098	339
9	Haryana	7.89	121	3.025	121	2.924	122
10	Himachal Pradesh	5.14	0.79	1.971	0.79	1.971	0.82
11	Jammu & Kashmir	736	1.13	2.822	1.13	2557	1.07
12	Jharkhand	23.94	3.67	9.179	3.67	7268	3.04
13	Karnataka	3129	4.80	11.997	4.80	11.997	5.01
14	Kerala	1554	238	5.958	238	5.958	2.49
15	Madhya Pradesh	4125	633	15.816	6.33	15.816	6.61

16	Maharashtra	6534	10.02	25.053	10.02	24.100	10.07
17	Manipur	1.66	025	0.636	025	0.504	021
18	Meghalaya	1.83	028	0.702	028	0.702	029
19	Mizoram	0.68	0.10	0261	0.10	0261	0.11
20	Nagaland	124	0.19	0.475	0.19	0.475	020
21	Orissa	32.98	5.06	12.645	5.06	12645	529
22	Punjab	4.68	0.72	1.794	0.72	1.794	0.75
23	Rajasthan	2431	3.73	9.321	3.73	9321	3.90
24	Sikkim	0.43	0.07	0.165	0.07	0.165	0.07
25	Tamil Nadu	48.63	7.46	18.646	7.46	18.646	7.79
26	Tripura	2.95	0.45	1.131	0.45	1.131	0.47
27	Uttar Pradesh	106.79	16.38	40.945	1638	40.945	17.12
28	Uttarakhand	4.98	0.76	1.909	0.76	1.512	0.63
29	West Bengal	51.79	7.94	19.857	7.94	14.799	6.19
30	A & N Island	028	0.04	0.107	0.04	0.043	0.02
31	Chandigarh	023	0.04	0.088	0.04	0.021	0.01
32	D & N Haveli	0.18	0.03	0.069	0.03	0.052	0.02
33	Daman & Diu	0.04	0.01	0.015	0.01	0.015	0.01
34	Lakshadweep	0.03	0.00	0.012	0.00	0.012	0.01
35	Pondicherry	0.84	0.13	0322	0.13	0322	0.13
	TOTAL:	652.03	100.0	249.998	100.0	239226	100.0

Source: Department of Food and Public Distribution